

Wolf Pack!

We Americans have been through an enormous and significant emotional event over the last day. We have witnessed an act of such cowardice and brutality that it is almost beyond human comprehension. I am sure we will not fully understand or appreciate the ramifications for months and years to come. The property damage is enormous. The effect on the U.S. and global economy is unknown. And the loss of life...well, the impact is incalculable. Our world has changed forever and every one of us on this planet will be affected.

I want to share some thoughts on how this affected me and how we may be able to come to grips with the situation. My first reaction was shock, horror and rage. I could not believe someone could conceive and perpetuate an act so heinous against my country and my American brothers and sisters. As they day went on, a feeling of helplessness came over me. A feeling that there was nothing I could do to strike back and feeling there was nothing I could do to keep this from occurring again.

But then I woke up and started thinking clearly. I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. To bear true faith and allegiance to the same....

And so did you. I follow a Code of Conduct that states: "I am American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense." "I will never surrender of my own free will."

And so do you. I am a member of the United States Air Force. I serve a higher calling. A calling that requires me to defend our nation, a calling that demands I NEVER give up or give in, a calling that leads me to a set of core values—integrity, excellence in

all we do, service before self. These values absolutely prevent me from letting someone get away with this and demand I stand ready to help in any way possible.

And so are you. So, I will NOT give in to these murderers. I will NOT let them beat me down, fill me with emotions of fear or despair, or give them any reason to think that they can get away with this now or anytime in the future. I will NOT lower my head in shame.

And neither will you. I love my country and I am so proud of the way our fellow Americans reacted to these attacks and this tragedy—whether responding to the emergency and fearlessly moving in to help (in some cases at the cost of their own lives) or the stories coming out about those that worked to stop the last aircraft from hitting its target, themselves paying the ultimate price. There were heroes everywhere yesterday and those murdering scumbags will soon learn that Americans won't EVER give up this fight.

So what do we do here in the Wolf Pack? We continue to focus on our oaths, our codes, our values and our mission. We accomplish our mission here in Korea but we stand ready to support the effort to find and punish those responsible, either in this assignment or the next. We focus on the heroic, selfless acts of courage our brothers and sisters displayed in New York and Washington D.C. We hold our heads high and set an example of strength. We hold the victims and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

And we realize our world has changed. The concepts of vigilance, alertness, and force protection take on enormous new meaning. Be aware of your surroundings and what is going on about you. Take care of yourselves and your service buddies.

Be proud of yourselves as Americans, airmen, and members of the Wolf Pack.

—Wolf

Wolf's note: Col. Phil Breedlove, former 8th Fighter Wing commander, now assigned to the Pentagon, survived the recent terrorist attack in Washington D.C. unharmed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the victims of this terrible tragedy.

POW/MIA recognition ceremony
Sept. 21 in front of Bldg. 1305

A wreath-laying ceremony, followed by a flag folding and F-16 fly-over will be held at 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Question: I'd like to make a comment about the religious service that was outside the BX this morning on Saturday the first of September. I took great offense to the fact that they were out there handing out pamphlets. They had religious symbolism and people singing as if they were trying to convert people and I take great offense to that. I'd like to have the Wolf comment and perhaps in the future maybe have that service in a different location other than just a public place like that. I believe very strongly in the separation of church and state, and strongly believe in the government not condoning any one specific religion but leaving it open to all religions exactly. Thank you very much.

Answer: The weekend event you saw was not a religious service. It happened to be some people, associated with the chapel, who were inviting you to attend a fish fry and unity service the following day and was advertising the fundraiser for an orphanage downtown. You were free to accept or decline that invitation. There is no obligation imposed by the base lead-

ership or the chaplain that requires members to participate in, or accept materials available at the event. In fact, the Constitution of the United States prohibits the government from favoring one religion over any others. It does not ban religion from public places.

Air Force chaplains, at all bases, support unit morale, productivity and cohesion. Many have given their lives in wars, deployments and peacekeeping engagements. The chapel staff here at Kunsan has touched the lives of hundreds of individuals through counseling, fellowship and education – many of whom are not religious at all, but value the objective and insightful counsel, compassion and care of a religious officer.

We may disagree with the beliefs, traditions, symbols or rituals of any particular religious group but we cannot deny people rights or prohibit them to openly and publicly express their religious beliefs.

It is every military member's constitutional right to practice, worship, or participate in events, activities, or expressions of their chosen religious belief.

Commander's Hotline

The commander's hotline is your direct line of communication between me and the Wolf Pack. It's one of several means of helping to resolve concerns and to get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call the hotline at 782-5284, e-mail the 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office or e-mail me directly.



Col. Burt Field
8th Fighter Wing commander

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Civil engineer squadron customer service.....	782-5318
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Computer help desk.....	782-2666
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Housing office.....	782-4088
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